



The Modern Myth Of Myatt And Long

There is a belief - a modern myth - shared by anti-fascists, by some journalists, by some politicians, and by some academics, that Mr David Myatt is the person behind the pseudonym "Anton Long" and thus the founder and/or the leader or former leader of the Occult group known as the Order of Nine Angles (O9A).

Yet no one in over forty years has provided anything probative - any evidence admissible in a court of law - in support of this belief. All such people, and other believers in such a modern myth, have said or written is hearsay, or their personal opinion or the result of prejudice, or their assumption, or them committing fallacies such as *argumentum ad populum* and *argumentum ad verecundiam* or the fallacy of Incomplete Evidence, or them repeating the propaganda of those such as anti-fascists whose political ideology now enshrines that modern myth as a dogma and which propaganda is based on the fallacy of Incomplete Evidence, also known as the fallacy of suppressed evidence.

Belief in this modern myth is now seldom if ever questioned due to fanatical anti-fascists using the Big Lie technique {1} and due to them and others intentionally or otherwise committing the fallacy of suppressed evidence.

In the case of the Myatt=Long myth, what is and has been suppressed are the following: (i) Myatt's post-2011 self-deprecating writings where he renounces extremism in general and National Socialism in particular and expresses regret at his own extremist past {2} and (ii) his voluminous writings regarding his post-2012 mystical, non-political, philosophy of patheism based as that philosophy is on the virtues of compassion, empathy, and humility {3} and (iii) his autobiographical poetry {4} which reveals something of his inner nature.

This evidence contradicts the basis of the Myatt=Long myth for two reasons. First, because it reveals a person on a life-long, Faustian or Siddhartha-like {5} journey of self-discovery who admits his past mistakes; and second, because it reveals a complete rejection of the views he held between 1968 and 2009.

Only once has a believer in the Myatt=Long myth - in this case a fanatical anti-fascist ideologue, in one of his propaganda reports - deigned to even mention such evidence and that was, as his fanaticism perhaps dictated, only to dismiss such evidence because he believed it was either Myatt The Trickster "pretending" to have changed or was Myatt The Most Evil Nazi In The World undertaking yet another "O9A Insight Role" even though as we and others have explained {6} O9A Insight Roles only last between twelve and eighteen months and are only undertaken by a novice just beginning their quest along the O9A Seven Fold Way. It is indicative of either his lack of knowledge of O9A philosophy and of its presencing via the Seven Fold Way, or his fanatical desire to propagate lies, that this anti-fascist ideologue also claimed that Myatt's decade as a Muslim was also an O9A Insight Role.

The believers in the modern Myatt=Long myth have been challenged over the decades, by us and by others, to provide anything probative in support of that myth. In all that time only two believers have presented something, both of which presentations are not, on analysis, probative and yet both of which presentations have been uncritically accepted and used by other believers, and even by a few academics, as "proof" that Myatt=Long.

An Interview As Anti-Fascist Propaganda

The first presentation of alleged evidence in favour of the myth was in the form of an interview with Mr Myatt conducted by an anti-fascist in 1998. In this interview, and subsequently, the anti-fascist declared that since Myatt in the 1980s and in the early 1990s opened and used post office boxes in Shropshire which were subsequently used by an individual or by individuals known to be involved with the O9A, then Myatt must be connected to and directly involved with the O9A.

In response Myatt admitted to opening two post office boxes in Shropshire - but not elsewhere - for the purpose of distributing his Greek translations and his National Socialist writings. He also stated that he then gave use of those boxes to a friend - who incidently was also a professed National Socialist - as a favour who used them for his own purposes, which included promoting Myatt's National Socialist writings. Myatt also stated that he refused to name this person as he had given his word of honour to that person never to reveal his identity. Myatt also stated, again on his word of honour, that his sole involvement with the O9A was with the intent of recruiting individuals to the cause of National Socialism, something he mentioned at the time to Professor Kaplan and which Kaplan repeated in a book published the same year, 1998. {7} The anti-fascist however repeated his allegation several times, which allegations Myatt repeatedly denied, with the anti-fascist finally admitting he did not believe Myatt.

This interview is not probative because there is no admission by Myatt, no written or recorded evidence produced by the anti-fascist that Myatt knew the contents of material later posted by his friend from such post office boxes, and no evidence in that interview or prior to or subsequent to that interview, written or recorded, that Myatt wrote or admitted to writing such

material or was involved in distributing it by means of such post office boxes or was involved in any active way with the O9A.

That this anti-fascist then trumpeted and continues to trumpet this non-probative interview as "proof" that Myatt=Long and was involved with the O9A is indicative of (i) his lack of knowledge of what constitutes evidence, and/or (ii) his ideological desire to discredit Myatt and "prove" the Myatt=Long myth, and/or (iii) his personal prejudice against Myatt.

That others, be they anti-fascists or journalists or politicians or members of the public, believe this interview "proved" that Myatt=Long and was involved with the O9A is also indicative of (i) their lack of knowledge of what constitutes evidence, and/or (ii) their ideological or personal desire to discredit Myatt and "prove" the Myatt=Long myth, and/or (iii) their personal prejudice against Myatt.

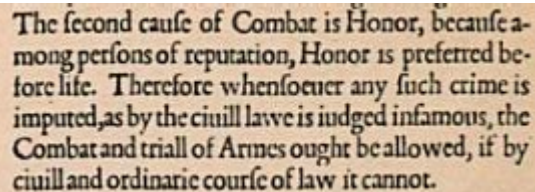
Despite Myatt denying on his word of honour what the anti-fascist ideologue alleged, the publication of this interview in 2021 led some believers in the myth of Myatt=Long to state such pejorative things as:

"Old interview with the illusive David Myatt, who's been a militant neo-Nazi, a militant jihadist, alleged leader of the far-right occultist Order of Nine Angles, and several other fascinating & terrible things. In this he pretends (badly) not to be O9A."

"It's kind of hilarious that the O9A people who published this think that this somehow definitively proves that he's not Anton Long."

"Myatt lying and equivocating about his role in the Order of Nine Angles."

They thus are ignorant of, or as modern embodiments of plebeian values have disdain for or are amused by, the centuries-old principles of European honour which upheld the noble ancient beliefs that a person should challenge to a duel those who spread lies about them and that one's personal honour is to be preferred before one's own life:



The second cause of Combat is Honor, because among persons of reputation, Honor is preferred before life. Therefore whensoever any such crime is imputed, as by the ciuill lawe is iudged infamous, the Combat and triall of Armes ought be allowed, if by ciuill and ordinarie course of law it cannot.

Honor Is Preferred Before Life
(Booke of Honor and Armes, 1590)

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The Fallacy Of Incomplete Evidence

The second presentation regarding the Myatt=Long myth trumpeted as "evidence" was by Jacob Senholt in a chapter titled *Secret Identities in The Sinister Tradition* in the 2012 book *The Devil's Party - Satanism in Modernity*, published by Oxford University Press, with the chapter a revised version of Senholt's Master of Arts thesis. Senholt claimed that "the role of David Myatt is paramount to the whole creation and existence of the ONA" and that there is "evidence" that Myatt is Anton Long.

His "evidence" includes:

(i) that some ONA text refers to a text attributed to Myatt, namely *The Strategy and Tactics of Revolution*, without (a) providing anything probative - written or otherwise - that Myatt was the author of that non-ONA text, and (b) without mentioning that a text by one author often refers to a text or texts by other authors, and (c) that such a reference is not therefore as Senholt claims "a direct link" between Myatt and the ONA;

(ii) that the manuscript *Diablerie - The Secret Life of a Satanist* "reveals details of Long's life that appear remarkably similar to Myatt's own life" without suspecting that the manuscript is a forgery containing many mistakes about Myatt's life; {8}

(iii) that a printed version of the manuscript *Copula cum Daemone* has Myatt's name attached to it, without considering the possibility that anyone could have attributed the manuscript to Myatt, and that Senholt does not provide details of when and where the printed version was published or who published it; in addition to which he does not indicate if the manuscript is handwritten or typewritten and does not provide a reference to where the manuscript is or if there is a facsimile or digital image somewhere so that there is some proof that the manuscript does have the name Myatt on it; and also if such a typewritten or handwritten manuscript exists is the name Myatt handwritten or typewritten and if handwritten is there any forensic evidence that it is Myatt's signature;

(iv) the statement that "both writings by Myatt and the ONA have been published by Thormynd Press, which is Myatt's own press," without however (a) considering what we have mentioned above regarding post office boxes, and Myatt later transferring the box to a friend, and Myatt's own denial, and (b) without Senholt mentioning that the post office boxes Myatt initially used for Thormynd Press were in Shropshire whereas the ONA and other items he refers to were from a post office box in York which Myatt did not set up, and (c) without providing anything probative - written or otherwise - that Myatt himself set up the post box in York or a later one in Wales also used by the person who took over the Thormynd Press imprint;

(v) the claim that ONA and Myatt use of the same alternate dating-systems, "yf" , is proof of a connection whereas such borrowing (respectful or otherwise) or building upon or imitation or plagiarism is commonplace and

not proof of a direct connection;

(vi) the claim that Myatt and the O9A use the same ideas and the same terminology, such as aeons and a galactic empire - and we might add, of causal and acausal, The Star Game, and other things - which use is, again, no proof of a connection but only of borrowing (respectful or otherwise) or building upon or imitation or plagiarism.

Thus Senholt does not provide anything probative regarding the claim, the myth, that Myatt=Long.

In addition, Senholt perhaps inadvertently commits the error of Incomplete Evidence by omitting those facts, available at the time he wrote his essay, that contradict his claim that Myatt=Long and was actively involved with the O9A. These omitted facts include:

(i) Myatt's time as a Christian monk, which some anti-fascists - post Senholt - claim was Myatt undertaking an O9A Insight Role although no one making such a claim has provided anything probative in support of such a speculation.

(ii) Myatt getting married in a Christian Church using a Christian ceremony.

(iii) Myatt's pamphlet *Occultism and National Socialism* written in the 1990s which stated that he, as a National Socialist, considered Occultism to be incompatible with National Socialism.

(iv) Myatt's post-2009 writings - such as his *A Change of Perspective* {9} - while he was developing his philosophy of pathei-mathos and in which philosophy he praised empathy, humility, and compassion, and made those virtues the basis of that philosophy.

(v) His letters between 2006 and 2008 following the suicide of his fiancée {9} and which letters are primary sources in relation to the life of Myatt.

Despite this failure by Senholt to provide anything probative regarding the Myatt=Long myth, Senholt's essay has been trumpeted as "proof" that Myatt=Long and that Myatt was involved with the O9A. Which trumpeting is a classic example of *argumentum ad verecundiam* - argument from authority - and which fallacy was committed by several academics including Massimo Introvigne in his *Satanism: A Social History* - published in 2016 by Brill, Leiden, as volume 21 in the series *Texts and Studies in Western Esotericism* - in which he fallaciously wrote that Senholt "offered a number of elements confirming that Long was indeed Myatt." Introvigne was subsequently fallaciously referenced by others as a reputable source in relation to Myatt, Long, and the O9A.

Conclusion

In over forty years no one including academics has produced anything

probative in regard to the modern myths that (i) David Myatt is the person behind the pseudonym "Anton Long", (ii) that Myatt founded the O9A, (iii) that Myatt was or is involved in a practical way with the O9A or approved of what was written in O9A texts.

This lack of anything probative has not prevented anti-fascists, some journalists, some politicians, and some academics, from believing in and propagating such myths.

In addition we do not believe that what we write here - our debunking of such myths - will persuade such believers and propagandists to change their beliefs or persuade someone to write a scholarly biography of Mr Myatt, where we agree with Myatt's definition of scholarly:

"a detailed, meticulous, unbiased research on and concerning a specific topic or topics or subject undertaken over a period of some considerable time, usually a year or more in duration, and of necessity involving primary source material; and (ii) a rational assessment of the knowledge acquired by such research, with such conclusions about the topic, topics, or subject therefore being not only the logical result of the cumulative scholarly learning so acquired but also possessing a certain gravitas, just like genuine scholars." {10}

However we do believe that what we have written here and elsewhere regarding Mr Myatt may persuade a few sagacious individuals to rationally arrive at their own conclusions regarding such modern myths.

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{1} The Big Lie (große Lüge) technique is where a lie or accusation- or several lies or accusations - about a person, or persons, or group, is or are repeated so often by so many and by various means that a large proportion of people accept the lie or lies or accusation(s) as fact even though nothing probative in support of such lies and accusations is ever presented.

{2} *Understanding and Rejecting Extremism*,
<https://davidmyatt.files.wordpress.com/2013/05/dwm-rejecting-extremism-v3.pdf>

{3} Refer to *The Mystic Philosophy Of David Myatt* (Third Edition, 2021) available at <https://archive.org/details/mystic-philosophy-of-david-myatt>

{4} The published poetry dates from 1974 to 2012, and is available in two collections: (i) *One Exquisite Silence*, <https://davidmyatt.files.wordpress.com/2018/03/exquisite-silence-print.pdf> and (ii) *Four Forgotten Poems*,

<https://davidmyatt.wordpress.com/four-poems/>

{5} Kaplan, Jeffrey. *Encyclopedia of White Power*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2000, p. 216ff; p.512f

{6} Refer to *Insight Rôles, The Seven Fold Way, And The O9A: The Historical And Esoteric Context in The Seofonfeald Paeth*, <https://archive.org/details/o9a-trilogy-print>

{7} Kaplan, Jeffrey. *Religiosity and the Radical Right: Toward the Creation of a New Ethnic Identity*, in Jeffrey Kaplan and Tore Bjørgo (editors), *Nation and Race: The Developing Euro-American Racist Subculture*. Northeastern University Press. 1998. p.115. Kaplan also mentions that the individual who used the pseudonym Anton Long was a friend of Myatt's in the 1970s and 1980s. See also Kaplan, Jeffrey. *Encyclopedia of White Power*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2000, p. 216ff; p.512f

{8} Refer to *Concerning Diablerie and Bealuwes Gast in Discovering Nexion Zero*, available at <https://archive.org/details/discovering-nexion-zero>

{9} Included in *Selected Letters of David Myatt*, published in 2009, and available at <https://archive.org/details/myatt-letters>

{10} *A Matter Of Honour*, <https://davidmyatt.files.wordpress.com/2018/08/a-matter-of-honour.pdf>

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